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A copy of each of the identified non-U.S. patent documents is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

Enclosed is a copy of the forms (Cite Nos. 1, 2, and 3) comprising the International Preliminary Report on Patentability in PCT/EP2004/051525 of which the above-captioned, instant U.S. patent application is a national stage. (The International Search Report, per se, and cited prior art were submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in this instant U.S. national stage application as part of the initial Information Disclosure Statement filed January 18, 2006.)

The publication PCT/EP2004/051525, of which the above-captioned instant U.S. patent application is a national stage, claims priority of EP 03 01 6295.2 and EP 03 01 6296.0. Enclosed is a copy of the papers (Cite Nos. 4, 5, and 6) comprising the European Patent Office (EPO) the Rule 51(4) Communication for the aforementioned priority application EP 03 01 6296.1, which papers define the version of the priority application ready for grant.

The German patent attorney representing the applicant of the above-captioned instant U.S. national stage patent application advises that the main claim 1 of the aforementioned priority application EP 03 016 296.1, as set forth in the Rule 51(4) Communication and approved for grant by the applicant, is substantially the same as the aforementioned U.S. national stage application claim 22 (the only independent claim presently in the U.S. national stage application).

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Respectfully submitted,

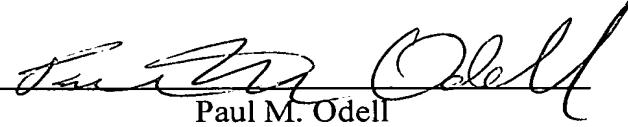
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